

What is claimed is:

1. A tone generator system comprising:  
a first waveform storage that stores compressed  
5 waveform data;  
a decoder that is responsive to tone color changing instruction data included in musical composition data to be reproduced, for reading out from said first waveform storage the compressed waveform data corresponding to at  
10 least one tone color corresponding to the tone color changing instruction data and for decoding the readout compressed waveform data into waveform data in a pulse code modulation format; and  
a second waveform storage that stores the waveform  
15 data in the pulse code modulation format decoded by said decoder.
2. A tone generator system according to claim 1, further comprising a tone generator section that is responsive to sounding instruction data included in the  
20 musical composition data to be reproduced, for generating musical tones based on the waveform data in the pulse code modulation format stored in said second waveform storage.
3. A tone generator system according to claim 1,  
25 wherein said second waveform storage is capable of storing waveform data inputted by a user.
4. A tone generator system according to claim 1, wherein said decoder is capable of decoding compressed audio stream data inputted from an external device.
- 30 5. A tone generating method comprising:  
a decoding step of reading out from a first waveform storage compressed waveform data corresponding to at least one tone color corresponding to tone color changing instruction data included in musical composition data to  
35 be reproduced and decoding the readout compressed

waveform data into waveform data in a pulse code modulation format, in response to the tone color changing instruction data; and

5 a waveform storing step of storing in a waveform storage the waveform data in the pulse code modulation format decoded in said decoding step.

6. A program for executing a tone generating method stored in a storage medium readable by a computer, the program comprising:

10 a decoding module for reading out from a first waveform storage compressed waveform data corresponding to at least one tone color corresponding to tone color changing instruction data included in musical composition data to be reproduced and decoding the readout compressed  
15 waveform data into waveform data in a pulse code modulation format, in response to the tone color changing instruction data; and

a waveform storing module for storing in a waveform storage the waveform data in the pulse code modulation  
20 format decoded by said decoding module.